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UW System Tuition Freeze Key Component of Next State Budget Nass: Major mistake for UW System to oppose extension of freeze.

Senator Steve Nass (R-Whitewater), Vice-Chairman of the Senate Universities and Technical Colleges Committee, called on the UW System President and Board of Regents not to make a terrible mistake in fighting Governor Walker's proposal to extend the resident tuition freeze as part of the 2017-19 biennial state budget. Since the tuition freeze was first enacted by Governor Walker and the Republican Legislature in the 2013-14 academic year, the average UW System student has saved \$6,311 over four years.

"Extending the UW System tuition freeze is a clear choice for legislators; you can stand with Wisconsin's middle class families or you can bow to the desires of out-of-touch university administrators earning six-digit salaries. I will continue to stand with middle class families and this issue will be fundamental for me in the next budget," Nass said.

Nass again noted that prior to the Republican tuition freeze enactment in 2013-14, the previous ten years saw UW System officials victimize families and students with an unjustified 118% increase in tuition. While at the same time keeping the public and the Legislature in the dark about the accrual of a nearly \$1 billion reserve.

"In recent days we have learned of repeated instances of poor leadership in the UW System at UW-Stout with the politically correct censoring of an historic painting and at UW-Platteville with the counseling of students for wearing three-blind mice costumes last Halloween. With many examples like the two just mentioned, why would anyone trust the judgement of these same administrators on issues relating to tuition increases," Nass said.

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